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**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, School Leaders  
**FROM:** Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment  
**DATE:** May 19, 2017  
**RE:** Mathematics Accountability Assessment for 2017-18

The Indiana Department of Education notes the following update related to the transition to new assessments while formalizing ESSA plans.

- The Indiana State Board of Education approved flexibility for the Mathematics accountability assessment for Grade 9 students enrolled in Algebra I for the 2017-18 school year. This score will contribute to accountability during the 2018-19 school year.
- Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 9 for the 2017-18 school year, must be given the Grade 10 ISTEP+ assessment during the prescribed windows for 2017-18. The assessment aligns to the current expectations for students participating in ISTEP+ Grade 10 based on their opportunity to learn algebra content.

HEA 1003 (<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/bills/house/1003#document-ab2e7615>) allows the Indiana State Board of Education to create a new statewide assessment ILEARN and separately define graduation pathways.

The attached charts outline the accountability assessments for the upcoming transitions. Information about graduation requirements will be forthcoming pending Indiana State Board discussions this summer.